GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ACTION PLAN FOR MODERNISATION OF RAIL NETWORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to formulate a high priority action plan for modernisation, development and infrastructural expansion of the rail network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the said action plan ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 454 BY SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.04.2008 REGARDING ACTION PLAN FOR MODERNISATION OF RAIL NETWORK.

(a) to (c): An Integrated Railway Modernisation Plan (IRMP) had been formulated for 2005-2010 identifying activities with definite time frame for implementation. It has got 3 segments, the details of which are as under:

Passenger Business Segment includes increased induction of modern coaches in all Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains, expansion of Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) across the country, Environment Friendly toilets in coaches, Improved Safety features in coaches in terms of its crashworthiness and fire retarding features.

Freight Business Segment includes Introduction of Higher Axle Load, Double Stack Container and Roll-on-Roll-Off wagons on the identified routes, Introduction of light weight and corrosion resistant steel and aluminum wagons, Extension of Freight Operations Management System to cover Terminal, Rake and Crew Management System, completion of works identified under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) along with some other Throughput Enhancement works, etc.

Other Modernisation Initiatives includes Track Modernisation and its maintenance practices, Modernisation of Bridge Management System, Signaling and Telecommunication System, Mechanical and Electrical System and the Disaster Management System.

Total Expenditure envisaged for execution of the identified items in the IRMP was about Rs.24,000 Crores.

The major items of works to be executed in the current financial year are as under:

1. Completion of Throughput Enhancement works.

2. Development of modern freight terminals.

3. Introduction of Double Stack Containers.

4. Ware-housing facilities near rail terminals.

5. Expansion of Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS).
6. Track, Bridge and Signal modernisation.